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Mr. Charles Herrington
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Dear Charles:

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This letter is to inform you that the Steamship NOBSKA, listed in the National Register on 2 May 1974, has been towed from Nantucket and is presently moored in Fall River, Massachusetts where she will undergo minor repair. The new owner, Alfred Johnston of Villanova, Pennsylvania, will move the vessel from Fall River to Baltimore where she will be converted into a restaurant and museum.

We understand that once the NOBSKA leaves Massachusetts it would be removed from the National Register. Inasmuch as the property was nominated for listing at the level of state significance we would not expect the Maryland State Review Board to renominate it, though they may wish to consider it.

We will advise you when the NOBSKA departs from Fall River.

Sincerely,

Patricia L. Weslowski Survey Director

Massachusetts Historical Commission

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xc: Mr. Joseph Morin, Nantucket, Massachusetts

Mr. Arthur C. Townsend, Maryland State Historic Preservation Officer

